# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
# LOK SABHA

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SERVICES TO SENIOR CITIZENS
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) the basic services being provided by the Government to all senior citizens of the country; and

(b) the guidelines laid-down by the Government to ensure their access to all such facilities?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a)&(b) 391 Old Age Homes, 469-Day Care Centres and 83 Mobile Medicare Units havebeen set up by 609 NGOs with Grant-in-aid from the Ministry of Social Justice &Empowerment. 10 kg of food grain is distributed to each destitute elderly every month under `Annapurna Scheme` of the Ministry of Rural Development,separate queue system for the elderly is operational in hospitals, elder citizens are given priority in telephone connection and grievance redressal by the Department of Telecommunications, concession in fares is provided by Railways & CivilAviation Ministries, tax concessions are provided by the Ministry of Finance,specific insurance schemes have been designed by the Life Insurance Corporation, New India Insurance etc. Some public sector banks also allow higher interest on deposits by the elderly. Formalities for accessing the benefits are incorporated in the concerned Schemes.